



# RUMSON

## Borough Bulletin

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## ALL ABOUT RUMSON THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RUMSON

Chances are you've seen it in your daily round of errands – the small jewel in our community that is the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, located on the corner of East River Road and Park Avenue. What an architectural, artistic and historic treasure lies within! Built in 1886, this unique and exquisite sanctuary gained a spot on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places in January 2009.

In 1840, a steamship line was operating from the Navesink River to New York City. Thomas Hunt of Brooklyn bought a tract of 177 acres and began to build a village to be called Port Washington, later Oceanic and, in 1907, Rumson. As part of this fledgling village a church building was erected in 1842. Parish Hall, later renamed Bingham Hall, became the home of the First Presbyterian Church in 1861.

By the late 1800's, the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church was outgrowing Parish Hall. When a decision was made to build a new sanctuary, the church turned to Thomas Hastings, the son of Rev. Dr. Thomas Hastings, who had summered in Oceanic for many years with his family. The young Mr. Hastings had formed a new architectural firm with his partner, John Carrere. Because of Mr. Hastings' strong ties to Oceanic, it was decided to engage his firm to construct the new sanctuary, widely believed to be their first finished project. At the time they were engaged to construct the church, Carrere and Hastings were working on the Ponce de Leon Hotel in St. Augustine, Florida at the commission of Henry Flagler of Standard Oil fame. In the years following the construction of Rumson Presbyterian Church, the young firm fast became one of the most prominent architectural firms of the era, designing such works as the House and Senate Office Buildings in Washington DC and the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue.

The lovely parcel of land for the new sanctuary was generously donated by local dentist Dr. Ehrick Parmly, and his wife in 1885. The Parmlys were luminaries in the life of the church and indeed in the life of 19th century Rumson. The property, with its grove of oak trees, was perfectly suited to the new church and the sanctuary, built in the beautiful 'Shingle Style', was completed in 1886 at a total cost of \$5,730.00, a modest amount even compared to our recession-adjusted standards in 2009!

Bingham Hall remained as a fellowship and educational facility for Rumson Presbyterian Church until 1956, when it was sold to the Borough of Rumson for \$11,000. In 1955 a new Fellowship Hall was built adjacent to the sanctuary to serve the growing needs of the church. The Fellowship Hall social hall was renamed Wilson Hall after the retirement in 1996 of Pastor Emeritus Foster (Skip) Wilson, who served as minister to the congregation from 1970 until 1996.

In the over 125 years since the sanctuary was constructed many of the stained glass windows have been given as gifts to the church in memory of former pastors and congregants. Five of the original geometrical leaded glass lancet stained glass windows from the Thomas Hastings sanctuary drawings remain in the church today. Signature windows can be seen on all four sides of the sanctuary. The highlight of the window gallery are three designs circa 1888 from the Louis Comfort Tiffany Studio; 'Caritas and Pax' (Charity and Peace) and 'Crown of Glory' (all pictured). These windows are located in the south end of the sanctuary facing River Road. The windows glow like jewels when lit from within – be sure to take a moment to admire them if you are passing the church in the evening. The Sophie Owen rose window in the east wall of the church is also believed to be



the work of Tiffany before he formed Tiffany Studios. The Good Shepherd window on the west side was donated by the Parmly family, and the Memorial World War window triptych behind the choir loft on the north wall was donated by George Davis, the donor of several other windows as well.

With financial support received through the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund, an extensive exterior restoration project was completed in 2008. In the course of that work, many of the mature plants surrounding the sanctuary were transplanted into a much-extended and redesigned Memorial Garden on the northwest side of the church property. The Memorial Garden is now a fitting component of the remarkable church grounds.

We encourage you to stop at Rumson's 'new' historic landmark and admire a masterpiece, inside and out. Stop and read the commemorative plaque next to the porte-cochere doors, enjoy the artistry of the stained glass windows and take a stroll through the new Memorial Garden, stopping to sit on a bench, enjoy the fountain and reflect on bygone days. You'll be pleased you took a little time out to see this rejuvenated Rumson treasure.





## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### 2009 RUMSON FIREWORKS

Hard to believe it's possible, but this year's fireworks display was even more fantastic than the previous two years! Paid for entirely by donations, the July 3rd spectacular attracted visitors from miles around. We really know how to put on a show! Viewed from the Oceanic Bridge, one was able to see Red Bank's Ka-boom as well, a mirror image of our own thanks to the wizardry of Garden State Fireworks.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening such a huge success. Our Police Department made sure that everyone enjoyed the event safely, and did a masterful job of handling the enormous volume of traffic. The Department of Public Works had Victory Park in tip-top shape. And Borough Administrator Tom Rogers kept all the gears moving.

Our fireworks are fast becoming a tradition, and we'd love to keep it that way. Please consider making a donation for next year's event – ALL donations are tax deductible and much appreciated.



Photo by Brian Richardson

### OUR MAYOR ON CAMERA

Mayor John Ekdahl is a frequent guest on Comcast's Newsmaker program. If you haven't caught his interviews on TV, you can view them on our web site!

Go to [www.rumsonnj.gov](http://www.rumsonnj.gov) and click on the "Rumson Borough Bulletin" link on the left side of the homepage. The latest video topics will appear at the top of the page.

The Mayor speaks to a number of current topics and items of interest to residents.

## REVISED BOROUGH ORDINANCE BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE AT BOROUGH HALL AND ON-LINE

For the past two years, our Ordinance Committee has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into reviewing all Borough General and Development Ordinances and making necessary revisions, reports Jane Hartman, Deputy Municipal Clerk. We are pleased to announce that the revision of the Borough Ordinances was completed at the end of 2008. The new Ordinance Book, reprinted in May of this year, contains those revisions and is now available for purchase in the Clerk's Office at Borough Hall for \$150.00.

For those who wish to see specific Ordinances on an as-needed basis, the Borough Ordinances are also now available on-line in PDF format on the Borough web site, [www.rumsonnj.gov](http://www.rumsonnj.gov). This should prove to be a tremendously helpful tool. The Ordinances may be accessed by clicking on a link titled "Ordinances and Regulations" on the left side of the homepage.

Then click on "Rumson, NJ, Revised General Ordinances and Development Regulations."

In the "Browse" box on the left, click on "Rumson, NJ, Revised General Ordinances," which will display a drop-down list of all Ordinances. General Ordinances are contained in Chapters I-XXI and the Development Ordinances (Land Use) are in Chapter XXII.

As a PDF file, the Ordinances can be easily searched in the "Quick Search" at the top of the page by entering a key word or phrase. All the chapters in which the key word or phrase appears will be displayed at the bottom of the page. Opening the individual chapters will show the word or phrase highlighted.

The web site will be updated at the end of each year to include all new Ordinances and Amendments. Ordinances and Amendments approved between printings will be accessible on the Borough web site, also on the first "Ordinances and Regulations" page.

On-line access to our Ordinances should prove to be a great convenience for everyone. Visit our web site to investigate this great tool!

### RUMSON RECREATION NEWS

Recreation soccer and flag football registration continues at the Borough Hall Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Soccer-Children must be in grades K-8 in September 2009. Flag Football-Ages 5-8(must be 5 years old by August 1). The clinics will be held at the Riverside Park 6-8 PM on August 18, 20, 25 & 27.

Rumson Crew will begin the fall rowing season in September. This program is for high school students who live in Rumson and Fair Haven. Registration forms may be completed at the Rumson Borough Hall or downloaded from the Rumson web site at [www.rumsonnj.gov](http://www.rumsonnj.gov). Coaches will call or email the details regarding the practice session dates and times.

Recreation basketball registration forms will be sent home through the public schools at the end of September. Additional forms may be obtained at the Rumson Borough Hall or the Rumson Borough web site [www.rumsonnj.gov](http://www.rumsonnj.gov). This program is for children who are in grades 1-8 during the 2009-10 school year. Children in grades 1 & 2 will participate in Saturday morning clinics. Children in grades 3-8 will participate in an in-town league. Start times for the clinic will be listed on the registration form (Please mark your calendar - you will not be called). Coaches will call the children in grades 3-8 with team assignments and start times for the league practices and games.

Questions regarding any recreation programs may be sent to Recreation Director John Hird at [jhird@rumsonnj.gov](mailto:jhird@rumsonnj.gov), or call 732-530-6607.

## **RUMSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **A FINE MOMENT FOR ONE OF RUMSON'S FINEST**

On June 12, Senior Patrolman Chris Isherwood responded to a call of a person in distress in the Navesink River. Upon arrival at the scene, Patrolman Isherwood was the first to locate the victim in the water with his flashlight. Approximately 200 feet offshore and in 10 feet of water, the victim was in great distress, screaming and crying for help, disappearing underwater and obviously in great danger of drowning.

Chris notified all that had responded of the victim's location and status. While he wanted to perform the rescue himself, others were closer and assisted in the water. During that time, Isherwood guided those assisting toward the victim while reassuring her that help was on the way. He lit the area with his flashlight, helping all involved.

During the rescue the victim appeared to struggle with her rescuers. Patrolman Isherwood, concerned for the safety of all involved, entered the water and, when the victim was brought toward shore, helped to safely get everyone out of the water. Once on land, he provided medical attention and comfort to the rescued woman.

Patrolman Isherwood conducted himself with the highest level of professionalism and compassion, without consideration of himself. He exhibited to all involved the attributes we all hope to evince in a situation like this. For this reason, he has been recommended for both Lifesaving and Meritorious Service Awards. Chris, we are very proud to have you on our police force, and thank you for your outstanding service to the Borough.

### **SCHOOLS WILL BE OPENING EARLY THIS YEAR!**

**RFH will be opening on Tues., Sept. 1 and  
Deane-Porter and Forrestdale will be opening  
On Wed., Sept. 2**

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF CHILDREN WALKING AND  
BIKING ON OUR STREETS AND  
DRIVE CAREFULLY!!**

### **GIRL SCOUTS – WE'RE MORE THAN JUST COOKIES!**

Ambassador Scouts Claire Perry and Kristine Harjes have earned their Gold Award by leading a habitat restoration project at Riverside Park. Claire and Kristine worked with Recreation Director John Hird and the Recreation Commission to identify a suitable project. The scouts learned from the American Littoral Society which native plants would be appropriate to plant along the new path to the water to slow runoff from the baseball fields into the river. They then conducted soil tests, made a site plan and raised funds to purchase the selected shrubs. In April volunteers did the planting, which should keep the river healthy and the park more beautiful for years.

Almost 500 girls are active in scouting in Rumson and Fair Haven. Last year the girls did arts and crafts, explored the outdoors, went camping and participated in overnights at the Philadelphia Zoo and Liberty Science Center. The younger girls have helped light luminaries for the Rumson's Tree Lighting and marched in the Memorial Day parade.

If you would like your daughter to join in the fun, contact Elizabeth Trapp at 732-741-7228 or efrapp@gmail.com, or come to sign-ups for new Girl Scouts at Bingham Hall on Wednesday, September 16th at 7 PM.

## **MEMORIAL DAY 2009**

### **RUMSON HONORS ITS VETERANS**

On May 25th, the Borough celebrated Memorial Day, kicking off with our traditional parade. More than 20 groups marched, performed and brought smiles to all viewers lining the route to Victory Park.

Our Memorial Day ceremonies focus on honoring those that have served our country and members of the Armed Forces currently on active duty. Mayor John E. Ekdahl welcomed the crowd and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the events of the day. Reverend John Monroe delivered an inspirational invocation and benediction, David Shinn, Master of Ceremonies (and lifelong Rumson resident) kept the program running smoothly, and Alexandria Howley once again lent her soaring soprano to stir the crowd with her rendition of the National Anthem.

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 201 raised the American flag with dignity. The service concluded with the Placing of the Wreaths by representatives from many Borough organizations. It was a stirring and solemn tribute to all those that have fought to keep America free.

### **RUMSON GARDEN CLUB LENDS A HAND WITH LANDSCAPING AT THE NEW BOROUGH HALL**

Members of the Rumson Garden Club submitted plans for a landscape design competition to plant at the site of the new Borough Hall. Under the supervision of Jeanne Shanley, club President and Civics Committee co-chairs, Lucy Kallian and Sarah Rossbach Fleming, club members including Lee Callman, wife of former Rumson mayor, Charles Callman, have submitted proposals for planting the grounds surrounding the new building. The winner(s) will be awarded the Helen Hurd Trophy for civic design.

The Rumson Garden Club worked closely with the town authorities. In early June, Tom Rogers, Borough Administrator and Joe Hemphill, Councilman and Chairman of the Building Committee gave Rumson Garden Club members guidelines, a site plan and a walk-through of the foundation. The town specified they were looking at a number of criteria: minimal maintenance, durability, native and non-invasive plant material, color, seasonal interest, deer resistant plants, as well as flowers and shrubs that might attract birds and butterflies. The garden designs ideally were to address the concept of sustainability, how the plantings can improve our carbon footprint and the local environment, access and convert rain run-off and thus make Rumson a healthier place for the future.

The Garden Club has a long history of coordinating its talents with the town. When the new wing of the first Bingham Hall was completed around 1995, members helped with the foundation plantings.

The Borough Hall competition is one of many projects that the very active Rumson Garden Club's Civics Committee sponsors. At any time and season around town, garden club members can be spotted watering and weeding the Memorial Garden in Victory Park, dead-heading daffodils or daisies in West Park, mulching on the traffic islands at Avenue of Two Rivers and Buena Vista and seasonally decorating and maintaining the window boxes at the Oceanic Library. In addition, the Rumson Garden Club encourages fledgling environmentalists by awarding a scholarship each year to a high school graduate who has shown concern for conservation issues.

The project will be awarded in September and the first phase of planting will begin, if financing is available, in November.



## A REMINDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Borough garbage collection schedule has been expanded to serve our residents even better!

Garbage WILL be collected on the following days:

Columbus Day (Oct. 12)

Veteran's Day (Nov. 11)

Day after Thanksgiving (Nov. 27)

There will be NO pickup on LABOR DAY (Sept. 7),

THANKSGIVING DAY (Nov. 26) or

CHRISTMAS DAY (Dec. 25).

## EAGLE SCOUT MYLES PETERSON

### CHAMPIONS THE MISUNDERSTOOD BAT

Contrary to urban legend, bats do NOT get caught in your hair, chew through your attic or interfere with children, pets or feeding backyard birds. Quite the opposite! Bats make great neighbors as they are natural pest controllers. A single brown bat can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes in just an hour but because of many peoples' unfounded fear of bats and loss of their natural roosts, bat



numbers are decreasing at an alarming rate. As his Eagle Scout project, Rumson Scout Myles Peterson decided to give the bats a hand by building and installing handcrafted bat houses in several of our parks. An active bat population will help to make the parks less hospitable to mosquitoes. And everyone who uses the parks will appreciate that!

When you visit one of our parks, be on the lookout for Myles's wonderful bat houses. If you're lucky, you might see one of their residents coming in for a landing. Thank you, Myles, for this great contribution to our park, and congratulations on achieving Eagle Scout status. That's a wonderful accomplishment.

If anyone is interested in inviting bats to live in their own backyard, tips for attracting them and plans for successful bat houses may be found at [www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org), the Organization for Bat Conservation web site.

## WELCOME TO A NEW RUMSON RESIDENT – DELIVERED BY OUR FIRST AID SQUAD

Recently several members of our terrific First Aid Squad helped with the successful deliver of a brand new Rumson resident – right on the dining room floor! We are happy to report that both mother and baby are doing just fine.

The First Aid Squad is pleased to report that Frank Davis, a resident of Rumson since 1983, was recently voted to serve out the remainder of 2009 as our 2nd Lieutenant. Frank has been a member of the First Aid Squad since early 2008 and also became a nationally recognized emergency medical technician (EMT) last year. Frank's favorite color is yellow and his favorite candy is Milk Duds! Although we are delighted to have Frank serve as an officer of the squad, we were also saddened that Danny Petrucci, Jr., decided to step down from that role. Danny, a lifetime resident of Rumson, will continue to volunteer with the squad, and he also works full time for the Oceanport Police Department, where he is a Class II officer. We would also like to thank all the new members and cadets that have recently joined our team: Max Ross (Dartmouth), Jeff Schneider (Fairfield), Jordan Farber (George Washington), Christian de Laszlo (Cornell), Emily Krause (Syracuse) and Michael Baron, a student at RFH.

In other matters, the squad has been very busy refurbishing our headquarters building. We've recently had the garage doors and inside garage bays painted and we had a new epoxy floor installed in the garage. More importantly, we are in the advanced stages of securing a new back-up generator for the building. Special thanks go to the Board of Trustees and our independent Financial Oversight Committee in helping to budget and secure the financing for this important addition. With a reliable source of backup power we will assure the ability to keep our ambulances fully-charged and ready for service. In addition, the building could be used as a safe and secure location for residents in times of emergency.

Our new Ambulance Committee continues to work on procuring a replacement for our older ambulance which has been in service since 1998. The Borough Council secured the financing for the replacement vehicle in the 2008 bond offering, and we continue to work on the specifications.

A special By-law Committee has also been hard at work preparing and updating our by-laws. This project has been underway for over a year, and the new by-laws will update our old by-laws, which were last amended in the mid-1990's.

The Rumson First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer organization, staffed by your friends and neighbors. The Squad has been providing basic pre-hospital emergency care services at no cost to the patient, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, averaging roughly 380 calls per years over the past 60 years.

We will be mailing our 2009/2010 fund drive letter to all Rumson residents this fall, and appreciate your continued generosity. You can make donations directly through the mailing or online by going to our web site, [www.rumsonems.org](http://www.rumsonems.org). You can also make a donation through the Rumson Endowment Fund by designating the First Aid Squad as the recipient. All donations made to the First Aid Squad are used for the procurement of medical supplies and equipment for our ambulances, training of our all-volunteer staff and the maintenance of our aging building.

As always, we are constantly looking for new members. If you are over the age of 18 [or 16 for cadets], please visit us at [www.rumsonems.org](http://www.rumsonems.org), or speak with any of our members.

## OCEANIC LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

With summer winding down, it will soon be time to put away beach chairs and bathing suits – but not books! Fall is a wonderful time to finish (or start) those “beach books” you promised yourself. Oceanic Free Library has many titles to offer and what we don’t have, we are able to order from the County. Please come in and peruse our extension selection of books, CDs and DVDs.

The Summer Reading List Program was, as always, a big success. We are very excited that our library was able to provide access to nearly 100% of the books on the summer reading lists for the schools attended by our community’s children. Thank you to the schools that provided us with their lists: Deanne-Porter, Forrestdale, RFHRHS, Rumson Country Day and Christian Brothers Academy. By working together with the schools, we were able to guarantee that learning didn’t take a summer vacation! A representative from the library will be at “Back To School” night for both Deanne-Porter and Forrestdale to offer library cards to those children and adults who have yet to become acquainted with the library and all it has to offer.

A record number of children enjoyed the summer children’s’ program. “Miss Anne” outdid herself, organizing a program that was fun for everyone. The Arcadia Bird Sanctuary of Freehold did a wonderful presentation in June. In July the children created short, animated stories with the Small Factory of Fair Haven. And it’s not too late to join us on August 11th from 3:30 -4:15 PM for our End of Summer party featuring the Piccirillo Sciencetelling adventure, “Trapped at Tripletree”, weaving together storytelling and science experiments - you won’t believe your eyes! It was wonderful to see all those young readers enjoying time at their local library. What a great start for a great group of young minds! Another good reason to visit us? To enjoy our ever-changing art displays! In August we will be showing the watercolor work of Jim Sanford and exquisite beaded jewelry by Hillary Gross and Jean Keil. The beautiful watercolors of Marjorie Fister and jewelry created by Nancy Lubisco McCarron will be on display in September. In October we will be showcasing the striking photographs of Ernest Antholis as well as the delightful oils and pastels of Lorna Weber. For December, we are hosting the talented painters, Peter Akarana and Rita Herzfeld. Please come in and enjoy the work of your talented neighbors. Remember – 20% of the purchase price helps to support the library!

Fall also brings us new Book Club meetings to look forward to. On September 24 at 1:30 PM, Cynthia Dannen will be leading a discussion of *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant. Stop in to pick up a copy, and join Cynthia and friends for what promises to be an enjoyable and lively discussion. Book titles for October and November and the dates for book club meetings will be announced at a later date. Please check our web site – [www.oceaniclibrary.org](http://www.oceaniclibrary.org) - or call us at 732-842-2692 for further information. Also this fall, we are reinstituting the popular “Armchair Travel” series, taking us on adventures to Antarctica, Costa Rica and other exotic locales right in the comfort of your local library. Join Mandy Hintelmann on her trip to Antarctica and see all the amazing sights without getting cold! Watch our website for details to follow. Perhaps you have an adventure you’d like to share with us. Please call for further details.

Don’t forget our Friday afternoon knitting group. Theresa and her talented, fun-loving crew will get you started, as well as pick up your stitches and your spirits. Bring your yarn, needles, library card and of course your smile any Friday after 2 PM.

We hope you are enjoying our expanded hours this summer, with Saturday hours from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Stop in on your way to the beach and grab a great read! The library will return to our regular Saturday schedule of 10 AM until 4 PM as of September

12. We would love to hear suggestions from our patrons for any other changes we could make that would better accommodate your schedules. Don’t hesitate to call us at 732-842-2692.

A gentle reminder to those who would like to donate books to the library – please do not leave books outside the library when we are closed. Many fine books have been ruined this way. If you have something to donate, please call or come into the library during working hours. We certainly appreciate your donations of “gently read” current books, especially books on CD.

Once again, the staff and Board of the Oceanic Free Library wish to thank all the wonderful volunteers who help keep the library running smoothly. We would also like to say farewell to one of our all-time best volunteers, Miss Jane Conger. Jane, you are missed! We all hope you are enjoying your well-deserved retirement in Rhinebeck. Thank you all for your time and enthusiasm – the library could not exist without you! And to our faithful members and supporters we say thank you, not only for your continued financial support and patronage, but for spreading the word of what a wonderful resource Oceanic Free Library is. Keep up the good work!

### Oceanic Free Library

#### Fall Hours of Operation

Mon. & Thurs. 1 – 7 PM

Tue., Wed. & Fri. 10 AM – 5 PM

Sat. 10 AM – 4 PM

CHILDRENS’ STORY TIME – TUESDAYS

Baby Story Time (Ages 10 mo. – 2 years)

10 – 10:30 AM (with caregiver)

Toddler Story Time (Ages 2-3)

Preschool Story Time (Ages 3-5)

11 – 11:30 AM

Please check our website for more details!

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### RUMSON WOMEN’S CLUB

The Rumson Women’s Club is gearing up for another year of fellowship and fundraising for our local charities. September 14th is the date for our kick-off dinner to be held at Bingham Hall at 7:00 PM. Prospective new members are always welcome. Residency in Rumson is not a requirement, so bring a friend who lives in another town and come to learn about the many opportunities to establish new friendships, support local charities and work with other women who have made service to the community a priority in their lives.

Our 7th annual gift auction held in April raised over \$10,000. More than 200 women came together to raise money for charities such as Lunch Break, the Parker Family Health Clinic, Interfaith Neighbors and Family Promise.

Every year at our May meeting the Rumson Women’s Club names a Woman of the Year selected from our membership. This year the honor went to Ms. Kathy Brady. Congratulations, Kathy, and thank you for your loyal and unselfish support of the club.

On June 15th, the Claire Kraft Sully scholarship for outstanding community service was awarded to Miss Lauren Walsh on Awards Night at RFH by club President Ms. Judith McMaster. Lauren will be attending college in September and we are confident that her commitment to community service will be an important part of her future.

For more information about the Rumson Women’s Club please call Judy McMaster at 732-842-1522.



# Rumson Senior Citizens Club

Accompanied by Channel Three Music, the Seniors took part in the Memorial Day Parade. President Vivian McCormick was assisted by veterans Tom Merkel and Bill Scalzo in presenting the wreath on behalf of all members.

The Executive Board and Budget Committee met in May to make proposals for the upcoming year. It was agreed that the annual dues would remain at \$15.00. The Club will continue to present awards to graduating seniors from RFH, and to make a donation to the Presbyterian Church to defray expenses from the monthly meetings.

High school awards were presented on June 15th to Jenny McCormick and Elizabeth Gay, granddaughters of Vivian and Lee.

Jeanne Cuje and Lillian Haines co-chaired the Spring Luncheon and Installation, held at the Salt Creek Grille on June 17th. Their committee included Fran Merkel, Dolores Ryan, Emily Wagner, Gloria Bush and Carolyn Ott. The entertainment was provided by Dino Pierre on the keyboard. Honored guests were Mayor John Ekdahl and his wife Lolly, and Honorary Member and former Mayor Chillie Callman.

Past President Lillian Haines gave a tribute to outgoing President Vivian McCormick. Past President Jeanne Cuje presented her with a clock. Vivian brought her beautiful spirit to the Club and the group wanted to thank her sincerely for giving her time and energy over the past five years. The outgoing officers included 1st Vice President Lillian Haines, Recording Secretary Fran Haydick and Corresponding Secretary Jeannette Dispirito. Serving the Club for the next two years are Dorothy Burlew, President, Jeannette Dispirito, 1st Vice President, Vivian McCormick, 2nd Vice President, Mary Ann Johnson, Recording Secretary, Peg Connor, Corresponding Secretary and Rosemary Hulse, Treasurer.

On June 27th, members gathered at Victory Park for their annual picnic. Hats off to Walter Cuje, John Kondrup and Tom Merkel for cooking up those delicious hot dogs and hamburgers (under the watchful eye of Charlie Schultz). Members made salads, ziti, baked beans and desserts. No one left hungry and the weather was spectacular!

Condolences were extended to Roberta Silvers, a Life Member, in the loss of her husband, George. George was also a Life Member, and will be missed by all.

Maureen Shires and Joan Keenan have volunteered to co-chair the Annual Holiday Bazaar this year. This is our only fundraiser, and continues to be a great success. The Bazaar is scheduled for November 21st.

The Club will resume their scheduled meetings on Monday, September 14th. Their first scheduled trip will be on Monday, October 5 to the Brownstone in North Jersey for their wonderful Oktoberfest. This year we will join with the Sea Bright Seniors for this trip.

All Rumson residents 55 and over and their relatives and friends are welcome to join our wonderful club. Meetings are held September through June on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 11:00 AM at Wilson Hall, Rumson Presbyterian Church. Join the fun and meet some truly enjoyable friends in this very active group!

*Jeanne Cuje,*

Publicity Chairman

## Schedule of Meetings:

Sept. 14 & 28

Oct. 12 & 26

Nov. 9 & 23

## NEWS FROM THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

A Willow Oak was planted at Deane Porter School on April 22nd in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day. The new tree is located along the fence line that borders Narumson Street.

Shade Tree Commission members Annmarie Littlefield and Nancy Haaren spoke to Deane Porter 3rd graders about the importance of trees, and how they clean our air. The students were given seedlings the Borough received as part of the New Jersey Community Forestry Program.

In June, the Department of Public Works planted 15 new street trees throughout the Borough. The tree planting is an ongoing process to replace street trees that have died or suffered storm damage. It's also an opportunity to plant new trees in areas that haven't had them before.

Thanks to the efforts of the Public Works department and our Shade Tree Commission, Rumson will be able to enjoy its "Tree City USA" status for years to come.



Representing Rumson at the Annual Rumson Stakes on June 7th at Monmouth Park are (L to R) Lolly Ekdahl, jockey Joe Bravo, trainer John Robb and Mayor John E. Ekdahl. The beautiful custom-made horse blanket was generously donated by resident Blake Banta

## MAYOR

John E. Ekdahl

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

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## RUMSON BOROUGH HALL

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## DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

(732) 842-8941

## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 9 **Family Night at Victory Park** 7:00 PM, Miss Sherri & The Animal Band
- 10 Planning Board 7:30 PM
- 11 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 13 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 19 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 23 **Family Night at Victory Park** 7:00 PM,  
Puss N' Boots - The Paper Moon Theatre
- 25 Borough Council 7:30 PM

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Shade Tree Commission 4:00 PM
- 7 **LABOR DAY** - Borough offices and Oceanic Library CLOSED -  
**NO GARBAGE COLLECTION**
- 8 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 14 Planning Board 7:30 PM; Senior Citizens @ Presbyterian Church 11 AM
- 15 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
- 16 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
- 22 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- 28 Senior Citizens - Presbyterian Church 11 AM

### OCTOBER

- 5 Planning Board 7:30 PM
  - 12 **COLUMBUS DAY** - Borough offices & Oceanic Library CLOSED -  
**Garbage WILL be collected**
  - 12 Senior Citizens - Presbyterian Church 11 AM
  - 13 Borough Council 7:30 PM
  - 20 Zoning Board 7:30 PM
  - 21 Recreation Commission 7:00 PM
  - 25 **Halloween Parade** 3:15 PM Forrestdale School
  - 27 Borough Council 7:30 PM
- All meetings to be held in the Callman Courtroom Building unless otherwise noted.

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